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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF RUMNEY,

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

TREASURER, OVERSEER of the POOR, BOARD of EDUCATION, &c.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1887.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. W. PEPPARD TREASURER IN ACCT. WITH THE TOWN OF RUMNEY.

To cash of H. W. Herbert, collector 1885,	$771 00	
" " " " " " 1886,	1019 98	
" " " " " " "	953 93	
" " " " " " "	327 31	
Rail road tax,	434 49	
Savings Bank tax,	613 26	
Literary fund,	156 80	
Cash of H. W. Herbert, collector,	884 21	
" " " " "	462 24	
Cash of John M. Clark from schools,	19 89	
		5643 12

PAID VARIOUS CLAIMS.

Mary E. Baker, superintending school committee,	25 00
C. W. Herbert, board of education for schools,	1222 80
Mary E. Baker, school books furnished,	6 64
Daniel Darling, births and deaths,	5 00
A. S. Russell, births and deaths,	1 50
O. L. Corliss, births and deaths,	1 00
F. A. Durkee, births and deaths,	1 50
C. E. Bunker, births, deaths and marriages,	11 35
C. E. Bunker, services as town clerk 1885-86,	25 00
Lewis Hall, services as selectman,	38 75
J. B. Elliott, services as selectman,	45 89
John M. Clark, services as selectman,	65 00
J. P. Morrill, services as supervisor, etc.,	14 32
W. H. Keniston, services as supervisor,	18 75
Reuben Robie, services as supervisor,	15 00

S. Herbert, services as supervisor,	3 75
C. H. Elliott, services as constable 1885-86,	4 50
C. W. Herbert, services on school board,	43 50
J. A. Colburn, services on school board,	17 50
Ira O. Heath, services on school board,	3 12
J. W. Wright, damage to sheep,	3 00
C. W. Herbert, damage to sheep,	9 00
Alonzo Keniston estate, abatement for over taxation,	16 00
H. W. Herbert, abatement of taxes 1885,	18 70
H. W. Herbert, abatement of J. L. Davis tax and cost,	1 84
C. W. Herbert, abatement of illegal tax,	4 00
A. J. Bacon, abatement of tax,	4 29
H. W. Herbert, abatement of tax,	24 81
H. W. Herbert, bal. on collection for 1885,	11 29
H. W. Herbert, tax bills for 1885-86,	3 00
C. L. Davis, abatement of illegal tax,	3 42
C. F. Downing, abatement of dog tax,	1 00
Edson C. Eastman, Town Officer and blanks,	10 36
J. W. Peppard, cash advanced to town 1885-86,	54 05
Republican Press Association, printing reports,	21 25
C. E. Bunker, services as town clerk,	25 00
G. C. Jones, care and driving of hearse,	18 75
G. C. Jones, use of hall and room,	30 00
Charles Spalding, expenses as overseer of poor,	429 22
E. G. Doe, care of tomb and grade,	4 50
C. W. Herbert, school book furnished,	1 33
R. W. Musgrove, school notices,	70
State tax,	780 00
County tax,	784 21
H. W. Herbert, percentage on collection,	50 00
H. W. Herbert, collection and abatement of school house tax,	369 80
Burleigh & Adams, advice,	1 00
C. A. Chase, auditor and goods,	2 55
John M. Clark, invoice book, postage, stationery, car fare, etc.,	16 05
J. W. Peppard, services as treasurer,	25 00
	4393 99

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

A. T. Weeks, use watering trough,	2 00
A. Tondreau, taking care of his own road 2 years,	15 37
C. E. Watts, breaking roads,	19 15
E. G. Kelley, taking down fence 2 years,	10 00
W. L. French, breaking road,	8 00
C. F. Sanborn, work highway and breaking roads	12 02
Ira O. Heath, " " " "	6 56
H. Wescott, " " " "	2 50
H. P. Cutting, " " " "	1 63
B. F. Mead, " " " "	6 91
E. O. Spaulding, " " "	5 50
F. A. Keyes, " " "	2 99
Warren Heath, " " "	1 25
Samuel Simpson, " " "	3 51
J. A. Colburn, " " "	2 06
F. H. Caldon, " " "	14 09
Chase Avery, " " "	2 50
H. G. Caldon, " " "	47 90
G. N. Ward, breaking roads,	12 50
Frank Avery, " "	12 50
Alonzo Avery, " "	28 00
J. O. Sanborn, " "	25 00
B. F. Hutchins, " "	2 15
J. D. Colburn,, " "	14 60
J. D. Colburn, land damage 2 years,	4 00
J. D. Colburn, use of watering trough 2 years,	4 25
A. R. Morrill, " " "	6 00
Timothy Harris, " " "	3 00
S. D. Abbott, " "	3 00
A. R. Martin, " "	3 00
B. A. Hall, " " "	5 00
B. A. Hall, work highways and breaking roads,	12 82
A. R. Marston, " " "	4 77
S. D. Abbott, iron for fence and repairs,	1 10
E. P. Chapman, taking down fence,	3 00
Levi Bacon, abatement taxes and taking care of roads,	4 48

J. P. Keyes, breaking roads,	13 23
Lewis Hall, work on highway,	10 00
Ira Belville, " "	3 16
C. H. Greeley, " "	12 90
Alonzo Avery, " "	3 30
Webster, Russell & Co., barbed wire,	100 32
J. B. Elliott, work on highway,	17 28
W. F. Ray, work highway and breaking roads,	16 43
H. I. Barnard, " " "	9 50
J. S. Morrill, " " "	3 00
J. A. Norris, plank,	23 40
Frank Avery, cutting bushes,	16 50
Fred Belville, work on highway,	4 79
A. J. Stevens, cement for watering trough,	50
Daniel Abbott, putting up fence,	3 75
W. W. Fales, plank, breaking roads, use watering trough,	116 32
D. D. Keniston, railing, taking down fence, etc.,	10 80
C. A. Diamond, breaking roads,	1 63
S. J. Keniston, " "	4 86
B. H. Merrill, work on highway and clay,	11 68
G. W. Blake, work on highway,	21 22
J. W. Burnham, " "	1 63
A. J. Brailey, " "	1 75
Moses Foster " "	1 25
Lewis Hall, work on highway and wire fence, timber furnished, etc.,	14 77
G. D. Keniston, stone chips,	2 00
A. Marston, work on highway,	1 63
H. N. Marston, " "	1 63
Samuel A. Hutchins, "	3 12
G. W. Hutchins, " "	72
Frank Avery, breaking roads,	10 00
W. W. Fales, Jr., " "	5 00
E. O. Spaulding, land damage,	1 00
C. R. Emerton, lighting river bridge,	15 00
Charles Spalding, plank,	8 80
O. W. Stevens work on highway, breaking roads,	5 47
R. B. Clark, " " "	25 25

Charles Spalding, use of road machine,	57 50	
A. Tondreau, breaking roads,	13 75	
Mahurin Haynes, " "	6 88	
J. P. Wallace, " "	9 32	
John Merrill, " "	4 79	
O. E. Simpson, " "	8 00	
Henry Plummer, " "	4 86	
F. C. Keyes, " "	11 20	
C. N. French, breaking roads and taking down fence,	8 18	
J. M. Clark, breaking roads,	10 50	
J. M. Clark, work on highway and taking down fence,	14 13	
Samuel Simpson, land damage,	2 00	
J. Roberts, work on highway,	1 63	
		979 44

RECAPITULATION.

Amount brought forward,		5643 12
Amount paid various claims,	4293 99	
Highway and bridges,	979 44	
Cash in Treasury,	369 69	
		5643 12

ASSETS.

Due from county,	231 03	
J. L. Davis & C. A. Holden note,	11 85	
D. A. Kent & G. D. Keniston note,	6 96	
Due from H. W. Herbert, collector,	329 62	
Cash in treasury,	369 69	
21 B. C. & M. R. R., shares,	210 00	
		1159 15

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the Town Treasury.

J. W. PEPPARD, *Treasurer.*

March 1st, 1887.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. A. CHASE, *Auditor.*

March 1st, 1887.

Report of the Overseer of Poor.

Whole No. of paupers helped during the year: County paupers, 20; town paupers, 4; tramps, 27.

Whole amount received as per 1886 report,	135 25	
Less by discount,	2 00	
		133 25
May 1st, county order,		191 11
Nov. 1st, " "		171 15
Received of town,		429 22
		924 73

Co. charges allowed and paid by Co. from Nov. 1st, '85 to May 1st, 1886.

Daniel B. Elliott,	26 00
Charles E. Haines to H. H. Haines estate,	26 00
Stephen Morse to Charles Spalding,	9 00
" " Charles A. Chase,	44 61
" " Dr. Darling,	2 50
Joseph Sanborn to C. Spalding,	8 00
" " Charles A. Chase,	5 00
Augustine Wescott to Charles A. Chase,	7 25
Carter children, continued bill,	3 00
" " two witnesses to Concord,	10 00
Frank E. Archer to Edward Chandler,	20 00
" " Dr. Russell,	17 75
" " C. Spalding,	2 50
" " Dr. Darling,	1 00
Wm. Smith, carrying to County Farm,	2 00
Mrs. Charlotte Chapman to Charles Spalding,	6 50
	191 11

Co. charges allowed and paid by Co. from May 1st to Nov. 1st, 1886.

D. B. Elliott,	26 00
Charles E. Haines to H. H. Haines estate,	26 00

Stephen Morse to Charles A. Chase,	48 15
" " Charles Spalding,	3 00
" " Dr. Darling,	1 00
" " Dr. Russell,	12 00
Joseph Sanborn to Charles A. Chase,	5 50
" " Charles Spalding,	6 00
Augustine Wescott to Charles A. Chase,	24 25
Mrs. Charlotte Chapman to Charles Spalding,	2 25
" " J. Abbott,	3 00
" " Dr. Darling.	8 00
" " Charles A. Chase,	6 00
	171 15

Co. charges due from Co. and paid by town from Nov. 1st, '86 to March 1st, '87.

D. B. Elliott,	17 00
Charles E. Haines to H. H. Haines estate,	17 00
Stephen Morse to Charles Spalding,	10 00
" " Charles A. Chase,	27 50
Joseph Sanborn to Charles Spalding,	8 50
Arie Adams to Charles Spalding,	20 00
" " Lyman Merrill,	17 81
" " Charles A. Chase,	I8 22
" " Henry Cummings,	12 00
" " Dr. Darling,	16 00
" " C. M. Cutting,	7 08
Frank Straw to Dr. Darling,	16 25
" " Edward Chandler,	10 00
Augustine Wescott to Charles A. Chase,	2 70
" " Alfred Reed,	8 33
Royal Couchon to State Industral school,	18 64
Frank E. Archer to Edward S. Chandler,	4 00
	231 03

Town expenses for year ending March 1st, 1887.

Daniel Avery to Joseph Webber,	17 50
" " Fernald Webber,	47 50
" " Charles Spalding,	8 35
" "Charles A. Chase,	1 90

Erastus Berry to Charles A. Chase,	146 44
" " Dr. Rogers,	12 00
" " Atwood Colburn,	5 60
" " Dr. Darling,	47 65
Oliver Stevens taking deposition,	8 50
Charles Spalding taking care of 27 tramps,	13 50
W. L. French opening and filling grave,	1 50
Stationery, stamps, etc.,	1 00
Services as overseer,	20 00
	331 44
Amount paid by town and due from Co.,	231 03
Whole amount paid by county,	362 26
	924 73

CHARLES SPALDING, *Overseer of Poor.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. A. CHASE, *Auditor.*

Rumney, March 1, 1887.

SCHOOL REPORT.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR 1886-'87.

To the Citizens of the Town of Rumney:

You have just closed the first school year under the new law, and as the seeming bugbear has gradually passed away you can quietly settle down and compare the old law with the new.

It has been the object of the committee to make as few changes as possible and still work for the best interest of the schools.

In District No. 6 the Grammar and Primary schools were united, and placed in charge of Mr. C. W. Marston, who has given entire satisfaction to parents and pupils.

The scholars in District No. 1 for the most part attended school in Districts Nos. 2 and 7.

It was the intention of the committee to unite Districts Nos. 9 and 11 by having the scholars in No. 11 attend the school in No. 9 during the summer term and for No. 9 to attend school in No. 11 in the fall term, but the burning of the school house obliged both terms to be taught in No. 9.

The house in this District is not suitable or situated conveniently to accommodate both Districts. As there are no conveniences for teaching school except in warm weather the committee were obliged to close the school several weeks earlier than they would have done had the house been comfortable for the scholars in cold weather. To this matter the committee would respectfully call the attention of the town to the advisability of building a suitable school house and permanently uniting the said Districts.

The teachers of the past year have been such as to give almost universal satisfaction in the Districts where they have taught. All have previously taught in this and other towns, and have borne a good reputation as teachers and their last schools have fully substantiated their former reputation.

There are three things essential to a good school:

1st.—A good and competent teacher.

2d.—Obedient and attentive scholars.

3d.—Interested parents.

When these three elements are united we are sure to have a good school.

Let any one be wanting and your school will show it and many times so injure as to destroy it. And whenever any school has, or shall become unprofitable by reason of the incompetency of the teacher, the disobedience of scholars, or the lack of interest on the part of parents, there should be no money used to prolong the school, but it should be immediately closed.

A school that is merely dragging its number of weeks out is a worthless institution.

There has been no change in text books during the past year. Though in the judgment of the committee there might be some changes made that would be of great advantage to the schools of this town, were there no restrictions This is especially true of the Readers and Arithmetics.

In closing we will say that the schools during the past year have brought no discredit upon the town system; but while there are advantages to be gained under a judicious management there is one thing to its disadvantage, namely: It is easily carried into the ruts of the highway system where people feel that every dollar that they can get from the town is clear gain.

So with the schools, nothing can be done in or around the school house. but what has to be paid for out of the school money, making in many instances two or three weeks less schooling than they might have had, had they been as liberal as under the old system.

Whole No. of different pupils registered,	225
Average No. of pupils belonging to the schools,	160
Average daily attendance,	145
Number of children between 5 and 15 as returned by Selectmen April 1886; boys, 93; girls, 95; total,	188
Whole number of weeks of school,	183
Average number of weeks for each school,	22⅞

C. W. HERBERT,
J. A. COLBURN,
IRA O. HEATH,
Board of Education.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MONEY RECEIVED.

Feb. 21, 1887, whole amount received from town for school purposes for 1886, $1222 80

Divided as follows:		
By law,	682 50	
Literary fund,	140 30	
Appropriated from treasury,	200 00	
Rail road tax,	200 00	
		1222 80
Amount received from town of Groton for schooling in Dist. No. 3,		22 00
Amount received from town of Wentworth for schooling in District No. 5,		90 00
Total received,		1334 80

MONEY PAID OUT.

April 30,	Pd J. P. Keyes, 3 cords wood,	10 86
May 31,	P. D. Hart for repairing school house,	2 05
1,	Hall, Gorrill & Co., 2 windows and express,	4 00
12,	C. A. Chase, box crayons,	20
20,	R. Avery, repairing school house,	1 25
June 20,	H. Plummer, boarding teacher 6 weeks,	12 00
23,	Bertha Clough, teaching 6 weeks,	16 50
July 3,	Celia A. Jewell, teaching 9 weeks,	45 00
7,	C. W. Marston, " "	45 00
7,	C. W. Marston, sundries for school house,	2 00
9,	Etta J. Worthen, teaching 9 weeks,	27 00
10,	F. A. George, " "	45 00
10,	E. J. Worthen, expenses, car fare, etc.,	1 00
10,	M. M. Emerson, cleaning school house,	8 20
12,	C. L. Hall, board of teacher 9 weeks,	18 00
13,	Harry Kimball, cleaning school house,	3 00
15,	C. A. Avery, teaching 8 weeks,	40 00
24,	C. E. Abbott, " "	45 00
	Key to school house,	25
		326 31
Aug. 9,	S. L. Burgess, boarding teacher 9 weeks,	18 00
10,	M. A. Foster, cleaning school house and putting up curtains,	4 00
19,	Elma C. Foster, teaching 9 weeks,	36 00
21,	R. N. Foster, plastering school houses Dist. Nos. 4, 2 and 7,	12 50

Aug. 25,	E. P. Cone, board of teacher 9 weeks,	22 50
Sept 10,	Mary Spalding, " "	20 25
13,	H. R. Ford, repairing school house,	3 00
13,	L. Merrill, 5 cords wood,	15 00
13,	C. A. Chase, paper for school house,	3 00
18,	J. Abbott, Sundries for school house,	1 88
18,	J. W. Clark, repairing school house,	3 52
20,	Alice Heath, cleaning school house,	1 00
20,	H. Plummer, carrying teacher home,	1 00
Oct. 2,	C. A. Jewell, teaching 7 weeks,	35 00
2,	C. L. Hall, board of teacher 7 weeks,	14 00
2,	Ira O. Heath, repairing school house,	1 40
8,	C. C. Smart, board of teacher, 5 weeks,	10 00
21,	W. W. Fales, 1 cord wood,	3 00
Nov 18,	C. W. Marston, teaching 10 weeks,	60 00
19,	Clara J. Waldron, " 8 "	40 00
23,	D. E. Slater. 1 cord dry wood,	4 00
30,	G. R. Emerton, sawing wood,	65
Dec 11,	Etta J. Worthen, teaching 14 weeks,	49 00
	Expenses getting to and from school,	1 00
11,	Elma B. Wallace cleaning school house, building fire, etc.,	4 00
13,	E. P. Cone, board of teacher 10 weeks,	22 50
21,	Frank Herbert, building fire,	50
21,	E. C. Foster, teaching 13 weeks,	52 00
21,	C. C. Smart, board of teacher 8 weeks,	16 00
21,	Lizzie A. Craig, teaching 15 weeks,	82 50
22,	F. M. Collins, board of teacher 14 weeks,	28 00
24,	C. A. Avery, teaching 16 weeks,	88 00
25,	A. D. Moulton, sawing 5 cords wood,	4 25
27,	C. B. Simpson, 1½ cord wood,	5 81
27,	Emma J. Foster, teaching 14 weeks,	49 00
30,	F. C. Keyes, ½ cord wood,	1 62
31,	Nettie Kimball, board of teacher 14 weeks,	28 00
Dec 28,	C. A. Chase, brooms, crayons, pails, etc.,	3 27
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Jan. 8,	J. M. Fitts, 2 brooms,	50
8,	N. P. Colburn, sawing, splitting and furnishing ½ cord wood,	2 50
18,	J. D. Colburn, 1½ cords wood and fitting the same for stove,	6 00

Feb. 8,	C. W. Marston, teaching 10 weeks,	60 00
8,	G. P. French, board of teacher 10 weeks,	22 50
8,	C. W. Marston, 2 boxes crayons, 1 broom stove damper, building fires, sweeping, etc.,	3 85
15,	F. M. Collins, repairing school house,	50
16,	J. C. Burnham, painting black board,	50
17,	S. S. Moulton, cleaning school house,	2 00
18,	Celia A. Jewell, teaching 8 weeks,	40 00
18,	Clara L. Hall, board of teacher 8 weeks,	16 00
19,	Nettie Kimball, cleaning school house,	1 00
19,	A. K. George, getting teacher to W. Rumney and home,	75
19,	C. B. Simpson, pail, dipper, etc.,	70
21,	Rial Avery, 2 cords wood,	6 00
21,	D. W. Grant, brace irons for seats,	64
22,	H. Barrett, carrying scholars,	5 00
	Money on hand to balance accounts,	94 90
		1334 80

ASSETS OF THE DISTRICT.

Cash on hand,	94 90

C. W. HERBERT, *Treasurer.*

Rumney, Feb. 26, 1887.

We certify that we have examined the above accounts and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

S. D. BAKER,
LEWIS HALL, } *Auditors.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Term.	Name of Teachers.	Weeks of school.	Teachers' Wages.	No. of Pupils.	No. pupils attending to the following studies. Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Botany.	Physiology.	Algebra.	Book-keeping.	Composition	Vocal Music	Roll of Honor.	Average attendance.	No. of Visitors.
2	1	Miss Elma C. Foster.	9	25	25	25	25	17	19	15	3					1				24	20
2	2	" "	7	24	27	27	27	13	22	15	6	2							5	26	7
2	3	" "	6	24	25	25	25	12	21	14	4	2							2	23	8
3	1	" Etta J. Worthen.	9	20	23	21	21	21	19	6	5	1							2	16	22
3	2	" "	14	22	25	23	23	23	20	5	3								2	18	25
4	1	" F. A. George.	9	20	11	11	11	9	8	7	3							11	2	11	4
4	2	" Emma J. Foster.	14	22	13	13	13	11	11	5	5	1					7		3	8	16
5	1	" Celia A. Jewell.	9	28	14	14	14	12	11	5	4			1	1				6	13	28
5	2	" "	7	28	15	15	15	12	12	5	4			1		1	4		6	12	19
5	3	" "	8	28	15	15	15	11	12	4	6					1			7	14	19
6	1	Mr. C. W. Marston.	9	30	50	50	50	37	37	16	4				3	2			11	43	20
6	2	" "	10	33	46	46	46	38	35	14	11	9			2		4		15	41	12
6	3	" "	10	33	42	42	42	40	40	15	12	8			4		5		12	36	27
7	1	Miss Carrie A. Avery.	8	20	17	17	17	15	17	11	7		12				7	17		13	6
7	2	" "	16	22	25	25	25	25	25	12	8	10			1		8		4	14	6
8	1	" Bertha Clough.	6		15	15	15	13	14	7	5								2	12	8
8	2	" Lizzie A. Craig.	15	22	20	20	20	15	13	9	3								2	15	13
9	1	" Carrie E. Abbott.	9	20	25	25	25	14	10	7	1								1	17	11
9	2	" Clara J. Waldron.	8	20	26	26	26	15	11	6	1									17	4